



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Meeting Location: Newton County Government Center,
Morocco, IN.,

Council Members Present: Charlotte Richey, Terrance Ciboch, Claudia Clark, Linda Gray, Judge Mary Harper, Larry Harris, Judge Jeryl Leach, Sharon Mathew, Linda Rugg, Judge Michael Shurn, Eileen Walters

Council Members Absent: None

Others In Attendance: Ron Fisher, Laurel Myers, Jon Rutkowski, Jackie Agee, (White's Family Services), Magistrate Edward Nemeth, Kim Lahman, (Midwest Center for Youth and Families), Rodney Barbee, (Wernle Children's Home), Jill Whittaker, (Dunebrook), Gail Johnson, (Dunebrook)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Charlotte Richey at 5:38 P.M. (CST)/6:38 P.M. (EST)

1. It was noted that 11 council members were present when the meeting was called to order; enough to constitute a quorum. Mention was made that all voting members of the Council were seated for this month's meeting.
2. There was no meeting in September however, there was a mid-month meeting in August. At the August meeting there was no quorum seated so both July and August minutes were reviewed and voted on. Motion made to pass both July and August minutes by Judge Mary Harper and seconded by Linda Gray. Vote to pass, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.
3. Charlotte Richey had e-mailed the Regional Council Members an evaluation questionnaire concerning the effectiveness of this meeting. Purpose of this evaluation is to make these meetings as meaningful and fulfilling as possible. Members were asked to fill this out and return it to the Regional Office.
4. Jim Shively was not available to attend this meeting however, a contract update was shared with the Council. Mr. Shively's last contact with Central Office confirmed that they are in the process of activating and getting contracts back. Not all providers have signed and sent back their contracts however, a majority have.

5. Sex Offender Proposals. Charlotte Richey had sent to members the proposed timeline and the process to be used and requested approval so that RFP packets can be sent out to all the current providers on Friday, October 6, 2006. Also, we will solicit through the local newspapers, identified by each County Director, for any other interested parties. These packets are due back to the Regional Office by October 31, 2006. Returned packets will then be reviewed and scored and accepted parties will be presented to the Regional Service Council at the December meeting. Once the group approves the recommended selections then those providers will be notified with contracts that will be effective by January 1, 2007. Regional Service Council needs to decide what a contract year will be. Following some discussion the consensus of the Council was a contract begins 12 successive months from the date of signature/execution. A motion was made by Eileen Walters to release to the press this proposal by Friday October 13, 2006 and seconded by Sharon Mathews. Vote taken, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

6. Community Partners: We are still looking for approval from the Council for the direction that our AdHoc Committee has taken in working with Dunebrook thus allowing them to further develop the broad frame work that has been previously discussed. Dunebrook has attended a seminar with the other Community Partner Providers in the state. They have been given added direction and noted that not all questions have been asked nor answered. They have been waiting for the approval of this group to move forward with defining all the details that go with this, from referrals, to which agencies they are going to subcontract with in each of our counties. In the process of us moving forward with this there are many questions, concerns, and unknowns but this is the mechanism we have for engaging at risk families and we need to clearly begin to move forward. Judge Mary Harper made a motion to affirm the direction we are moving in and allow Dunebrook and the AdHoc Committee to develop at this point. Seconded by Judge Jeryl Leach. Vote taken, 1 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

7. Jill Whitaker and Gail Johnson from Dunebrook gave a brief overview of a State wide meeting. There are still many questions and concerns across the board and they are being brought forward through out the State. The first thing addressed from Dunebrook's perspective is they do not have an executed contract. Dunebrook is fully vested, and they think they can make this the best scenario that can come out of this program however, they are looking to this body (Regional Service Council) for a lot of direction. It is definitely the Council that will set the standards/goals for Dunebrook to follow. The ideal scenario would be for the first quarter of service delivery starting January 2007, the focus would be on referrals they would get directly from DCS. Dunebrook would promote referrals primarily from DCS then incorporate some of the other referral sources with the approval from the Regional Service Council.

8. Rodney Barbee, Wernle Children's Home addressed the Council and handed out 2 pamphlets outlining the specialized training and information of The Indiana Association of Juvenile Sexual Offender Practitioners. Mr. Barbee would urge the Council to consider using providers that are credential through this agency. This organization will set some standards and accountability and some minimal competencies in the area of treating sex offenders.

9. Charlotte Richey had sent out the revised Regional Services Council Protocol. There was a request from one of the Councils' to draft into the Protocol some type of statement that gives permission for the Council to actually make financial/contracting decisions. On page 6 (six) the top 3 (three) paragraphs is regarding this Councils' ability to actually make decisions and approve funding decisions. That is the only change in this directive at this time.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: November 1, 2006, Knox Community Center, Knox, IN., at 5:30 P.M. (CST)/6:30 P.M. (EST).

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:36 P.M. (CST)/7:36 P.M. (EST).